



MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: December 5, 2019

Agenda Item: 2020-2021 Mountain Goat Hunting Seasons and Hunting District Boundaries

Action Needed: Proposed

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 Minutes

Background: Season structures and hunting district boundaries are adopted for most game species every other year between December and final adoptions in February. In proposing regulations to the commission, FWP proposes adopting the existing 2019 structure except for specific changes. Proposals are based on population status and/or other circumstances.

Some of the more substantial changes are:

Region 3 - Combine HDs 327 & 328 into a new larger HD 327.

Region 4 - Close HD 460 to mountain goat hunting.

Region 5 - Create a new HD 521 in the upper West Fork of the Stillwater with new 521-20 either sex license, quota 4 (range 1-6)

These and all proposed changes are on the commission master list and justifications are in the commission packet.

Public Involvement Process & Results: Ten mountain goat season comments were received during the Aug. 15 – Sep. 16 scoping and comments varied. In addition to public comment on proposed changes taken during the Dec. 5 commission meeting, public comment will run through 5 p.m., Jan. 22, 2020. Any final adoptions will take place at the February 2020 commission meeting.

Alternatives and Analysis: Proposals may be adopted as proposed, with adjustment, with additions, with deletions, or no change from 2019 (status quo). No change would challenge the supporting justifications behind proposals.

Proposed Motion: I move the Fish and Wildlife Commission adopt for public comment the 2020 and 2021 mountain goat hunting seasons and hunting districts as presented by FWP, and that all other aspects of the mountain goat season remain unchanged unless addressed in other proposals.